

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Already the world receives its news from a select group of individual corporations who, in the past, have demonstrated ties to politically and economically motivated third parties. The allowance of further monopolization of information technology can only result in filtered information reaching the public. I call on you, as the federal oversight body for the communication's industry, to seriously reconsider your reduction in safeguards that protect the public interest--the cable ownership cap, and the broadcast/newspaper cross-ownership rule.